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REQUEST**FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 10/810,361
Filing Date: March 24, 2004
First Named Inventor: Heiland
Group Art Unit: 3652
Examiner Name: D. W. Underwood
Attorney Docket Number: 2133.031USU
CUSTOMER NO.: 27,623

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. XXXXX Previously submitted

- i. XXXXX Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on July 25, 2006 (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. _____ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. _____ Other _____

b. _____ Enclosed

- i. _____ Amendment/Reply with transmittal
- ii. _____ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. _____ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449
- iv. _____ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. _____ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. _____ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. XXXXX The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$790.00 and any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0467.

- i. XXXXX RCE fee (\$790.00) required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. _____ Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. _____ Other _____

b. _____ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

August 25, 2006

Date of Signature

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING FACSIMILE TRANSMITTED TO THE FACSIMILE NUMBER 571-273-8300, 2 total pages, c/o MAIL STOP RCE, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON August 25, 2006.

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